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Dear Ms. Shaw and Ms. Scott:

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)

- Application for Final 2010 Tolls; and
- Application for Revised Interim 2010 Tolls

The National Energy Board has considered NGTL's 4 October 2010 application filed pursuant to Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act* for approval of Final 2010 Tolls. The Board is also in receipt of NGTL's 30 August 2010 application for approval of Revised Interim 2010 Tolls.

In its 30 August 2010 application, NGTL requests approval of Revised Interim 2010 Tolls to be effective on 1 November 2010, pending the Board's decision on NGTL's 2010-2012 Revenue Requirement Settlement application filed on 9 June 2010. NGTL also filed amendments and corrections to its Gas Transportation Tariff effective 1 November 2010.

On 24 September 2010, the Board issued Order TG-05-2010 approving, among other things, a settlement that establishes the annual revenue requirement of the Alberta System for the three years 2010 to 2012 and certain deferral accounts (Settlement).

In its 4 October 2010 application for Final 2010 Tolls, NGTL proposes: (1) to establish Final 2010 Tolls for the 10-month period of 1 January to 31 October 2010 at the same level as the Interim 2010 Tolls as approved in Board Order TGI-04-2009; (2) to establish Final 2010 Tolls for the two-month period of 1 November to 31 December 2010 at the same level as requested in its application for Revised Interim 2010 Tolls; and (3) to capture the variances between 2010 forecast costs and revenues and 2010 actual costs and revenues in the deferral accounts as defined in the Settlement, and to bring forward these variances for disposition in NGTL's 2011 revenue requirement.

Within its 4 October 2010 application, NGTL also re-filed the amendments and corrections to its Gas Transportation Tariff regarding receipt points and financial assurance originally included in 30 September 2010 application for Revised Interim 2010 Tolls. Specifically, NGTL: (a) added new receipt points for the Groundbirch Mainline approved by the Board in Certificate GC-115 on 26 April 2010; (b) filed a new Table of Rates, Tolls and Charges listing the Group 1 and Group 2 Delivery Points and the associated tolls as of 1 November 2010; and (c) corrected the omission of a reference in section 10.3, Amount of Financial Assurance, effective 1 November 2010.

Having examined NGTL's applications for Final 2010 Tolls and Revised Interim 2010 Tolls, the Board is satisfied that NGTL's applied-for Final 2010 Tolls will result in tolls that are just and reasonable. The Board has therefore decided to make the Interim 2010 Tolls final tolls for the 10-month period ending 31 October 2010 and to approve the proposed Revised Interim 2010 Tolls as final tolls for the two-month period of 1 November to 31 December 2010.

In its 4 October 2010 application, NGTL states that, if the Board issues a decision on that application and establishes Final 2010 tolls for the Alberta System no later than one week prior to 1 November 2010, NGTL will not require the relief sought in its 30 August 2010 application for approval of Revised Interim 2010 Tolls. In light of its determinations herein, the Board does not consider it necessary to render a decision for NGTL's application for Revised Interim 2010 Tolls.

Finally, the Board acknowledges the tariff filings included in NGTL's 4 October 2010 application.

Attached is Order TG-06-2010 which sets out the specifics of the Board's determinations.

NGTL is directed to serve a copy of this letter on all of the Alberta System shippers and members of its Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee as well as ATCO Pipelines and its shippers.

Yours truly,

Anne-Marie Erickson Secretary of the Board

Attachment



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ORDER TG-06-2010

IN THE MATTER OF the *National Energy Board Act* (Act) and the regulations made thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application dated 4 October 2010 filed by NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) for approval of Final 2010 Tolls under File OF-Tolls-Group1-N081-2010-04 01 pursuant to Part IV of the Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application dated 30 August 2010 filed by NGTL for approval of Revised Interim 2010 Tolls under File OF-Tolls-Group1-N081-2010-03 01 pursuant to Part IV of the Act.

BEFORE the Board on 19 October 2010.

WHEREAS NGTL filed an application dated 16 November 2009 for tolls on the Alberta System to be charged on an interim basis effective 1 January 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Board granted the relief sought by NGTL in its 16 November 2009 application and issued Order TGI-04-2009 on 16 December 2009, approving the requested tolls on an interim basis effective 1 January 2010 (Interim 2010 Tolls) that were based on the toll design then in effect;

AND WHEREAS the Board, on 12 August 2010, by way of Reasons for Decision RHW-1-2010 and Order TG-04-2010, approved, among other things, a new toll design methodology for the Alberta System and a transition mechanism;

AND WHEREAS NGTL filed an application dated 30 August 2010 for tolls on the Alberta System to be charged on an interim basis effective 1 November 2010 (Revised Interim 2010 Tolls) that were based on the new toll design but the same interim revenue requirement and forecast throughput underpinning the Interim 2010 Tolls;

AND WHEREAS the Board, on 24 September 2010, issued Order TG-05-2010 approving, among other things, a settlement that establishes the annual revenue requirement of the Alberta System for the three years 2010 to 2012 and certain deferral accounts (Settlement);

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AND WHEREAS NGTL filed an application dated 4 October 2010 for Final 2010 Tolls for the Alberta System and stated that it copied the application to its Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee and Alberta System customers;

AND WHEREAS NGTL, in its 4 October 2010 application, proposed (1) to establish Final 2010 Tolls for the 10-month period of 1 January to 31 October 2010 at the same level as the Interim 2010 Tolls approved in Board Order TGI-04-2009; (2) to establish Final 2010 Tolls for the two-month period of 1 November to 31 December 2010 at the same level as requested in its application for Revised Interim 2010 Tolls; and (3) to capture the variances between 2010 forecast costs and revenues and 2010 actual costs and revenues in the deferral accounts as defined in the Settlement, and to bring forward these variances for disposition in NGTL's 2011 revenue requirement;

AND WHEREAS NGTL, in its 4 October 2010 application, filed certain tariff amendments and corrections regarding receipt points and financial assurance;

AND WHEREAS the Board has considered NGTL's 4 October 2010 application for Final 2010 Tolls and has decided to grant the relief sought by NGTL;

AND WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that NGTL's applied-for Final 2010 Tolls will result in tolls that are just and reasonable;

AND WHEREAS the Board, in the light of its determinations on Final 2010 tolls for the Alberta System does not consider it necessary to grant the relief sought by NGTL in its application dated 30 August 2010 for Revised Interim Tolls effective 1 November 2010;

THEREFORE, the Board acknowledges receipt of the tariff amendments filed on 4 October 2010;

AND THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Part IV of the Act, that:

- 1. NGTL's Interim 2010 Tolls, which were made effective as of 1 January 2010 under Order TGI-04-2009, are hereby made final for the period ending 31 October 2010;
- 2. The proposed tolls as set forth in the Table of Rates, Tolls and Charges forming part of the Alberta System Gas Transportation Tariff, and filed with the Board as Attachment C to NGTL's 4 October 2010 application, are approved to be charged on a final basis for the period 1 November 2010 to 31 December 2010; and

3. NGTL shall capture the variances between 2010 forecast costs and revenues and 2010 actual costs and revenues in the deferral accounts as defined in the Settlement, and bring forward these variances for disposition in NGTL's 2011 revenue requirement.

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Anne-Marie Erickson Secretary of the Board